

MINUTES
Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program

Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting
Financial Management Services Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona
June 28, 2007

Committee Members Present:

John McGee, Chair
Michael Anderson (by phone)
Gary Bourne (by phone)

Jim Glock (by phone)
Robert Jackson (by phone)
Lela Steffey (by phone)

Others Present:

Val Carrola, ADOT
John Fink, ADOT

Steve Schaefer, ADOT
Ron Strickland, Maricopa County DOT

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by John McGee. A quorum was present.

Introductions

Mr. McGee introduced committee members and staff.

Approval of Minutes

Action: A motion to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting was made by Gary Bourne, seconded by Jim Glock and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Mr. McGee provided the Chairman's report. Mr. McGee began by informing the Committee that two revisions were made to the HELP program in the recently completed legislative session. He asked John Fink to provide more information.

Mr. Fink stated that the most significant change was the addition of a provision to the HELP statutes to allow HELP loans for eligible transit capital projects in rural communities. He indicated that the Legislature also deleted a specific provision of the HELP statutes that would have limited the use of Board Funding Obligations (BFOs) to fund new loans.

Consideration of Loan Application

Town of Oro Valley, La Cañada Drive Widening Project Application: \$8.0 million

Steve Schaefer provided a detailed description of the project. He stated that the proposed project would widen La Cañada Drive approximately one mile from Naranja Drive north to Tangerine Road. He said La Cañada Drive is a north-south arterial that serves the northern area of Oro Valley. He said that the proposed project is a four-lane urban median divided arterial with bike lanes, multi-use lanes, and turn lanes. He said that the request is for \$8 million with a total project cost of \$9 million. Mr. Schaefer noted that a loan was previously approved on another portion of La Cañada Drive.

Mr. Schaefer indicated that the HELP Technical Committee gave this project an average score of an 84.9. He said that the Technical Committee recommends approval of this request.

Mr. Glock noted that these improvements are needed.

With no more questions or comments, Mr. McGee called for the motion.

Action: A motion to approve the Town of Oro Valley loan application was made by Mr. Glock, seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled based on the receipt of loan applications, and a meeting will likely be held in August or September.

Call to the Public

Mr. McGee made a Call to the Public. Ron Strickland, Maricopa County DOT, wished to address the Committee. He stated that MCDOT is interested in applying for a loan and is requesting clarification regarding the loan process. Mr. McGee suggested that he meet with Mr. Schaefer after the Advisory Committee meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

John McGee, Chair